

Impacts on public freedoms

It is critical that the RCMP be prepared to implement measures to support people being able to move unimpeded and for emergency vehicles to be able to respond to public emergencies that may develop.

Mitigate

Accept

Tolerate mild disruptions, which will attempt to be mitigated

Transfer

We may be able to use partners like Commercial Vehicle Enforcement to take the lead in some areas to aid in moving commercial vehicles.

Resourcing

Resources are being brought in on overtime to support the operations from Saturday the 29th and Sunday the 30th, 2022.

Action and Review

Strategy

It is essential that the RCMP in Alberta continue to provide essential public safety services and maintain public order.

Within a legal framework, the police response will be measured and proportionate to achieve objectives. The primary objectives will be allowing for peaceful and lawful protest and preserving life and property. Preservation of life will take primacy of police response with property damage being a lesser response but will be considered within the response plan.

The preservation of access and egress routes for emergency responders will be prioritized to ensure the safety of participants, responding agency personnel, general public and residents. Police resources will be deployed with a planned escalation plan to ensure this is maintained.

The RCMP will take an “firm but fair” approach with respect to enforcement measures as a result of significant disruption or blockades. The RCMP approach in Alberta will be collaborative and engaging in keeping with our conventional style. That said we will prefer charges over warnings even if those charges follow the event itself. This approach will assist with social cohesion and prevent a breakdown of law and order.

The Alberta RCMP will monitor the protest status and collect, organize, and integrate related information to update operations as necessary.

Commerce and public travel will be maintained where possible, utilizing non use of force tactics and strategies wherever possible. This restriction will be reassessed in the event the situation is protracted.

Overall Aim

Maintain CORE policing function